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I will never presume, because I am a man; I will never despair, because I have a God.—Felt-ham.

ROSE DAVISON

Rose Davison, as widely loved as any woman in the territory, died yesterday afternoon. Few women will be mourned as she is mourned by this community. Rich and poor, high and low, great and small,—her friends were legion. She was a splendid type of woman, an honor to her Hawaiian-American blood, an honor to woman-kind. Her work as a humane officer was effective, quiet, broad, earnest. Her personality was a rare combination of the alertly vigorous and the womanly sympathetic. She had great insight into the lives of the unfortunate with whom she was called constantly to deal, and her love of animals was genuine and sincere. Only those who know life "from the ragged side", who must labor with the poor and the friendless and the bereaved, understand the true breadth of Rose Davison's work. Her enthusiasm never flagged, even when illness laid its hand on her energy. She inspired others to helpful efforts on behalf of dumb brutes tortured by mankind, or on behalf of little children neglected by mankind. Her scheme of social betterment was an eminently practical one, and though she did not possess the ready formulas of the trained welfare worker, she possessed the ability to put these formulas into use. Women like Rose Davison are not many in this or any other community.

SAVING BIRDS BY TARIFF

Lovers of wild nature, unspoiled for commercial gain, will rejoice over one feature of the new Wilson-Underwood tariff bill. In this bill there is a provision prohibiting the importation not only of egret and egret plumes, but also of the feathers, skins, quills, etc., of all wild birds with the exception of the ostrich.

In spite of a vigorous protest made in Washington by representatives of the big milliners and clothiers of the country, it seems certain that this provision will remain in the tariff bill. It was inserted through the efforts of the Audubon Society and William T. Hornaday, the noted zoologist. The milliners, seeing their future activities confined to the plumage of domestic fowl and such other birds as may be killed in this country, carried their case to Chairman Underwood of the ways and means committee, but to their surprise found that Mr. Underwood and his associates seemed heartily in favor of the clause on humanitarian grounds.

The milliners say, with some truth, that it is hard to see why the feathers of wild birds killed for their flesh should not be imported. The trouble is, however, that the bird-hunters must constantly be held in check. They will not observe the laws if they can safely violate them. The commercial traffic in egret feathers and other plumes has been responsible for horrible cruelties to wild bird life. For years the Audubon Society has striven to bring home to women the facts of birds maimed and tortured that madame and mademoiselle might have handsome plumes for their hats, but the trade in plumes has not perceptibly diminished. It is gratifying to know that America is about to take a step that will end much of the sordid and careless trafficking built up solely to play on the vanity of millinery customers.

UNFAIR TO HAWAII

Misconceptions of present-day Hawaii elsewhere often seem strange to the people of this territory, but after seeing the moving picture films at the opera house last night, one cannot blame mainlanders for any misconception of island conditions, however ludicrous.

One series shown last night may be justly resented by every resident here and most certainly should not be shown on the mainland as a portrayal either of present or past conditions here. To those who have lived in Hawaii, the scenes shown are merely foolish, for they are obviously not scenes of Hawaii at all, but of some spot on the coast. Not only is native dress and manner so badly handled as to be funny, but the thin thread of the alleged plot, dealing with a threatened uprising among the "natives" against the "American planters" is laughable as a presentment of twentieth-century sentiment.

The pictures, while offending good taste locally, are hardly to be taken seriously when shown here, but they may do much harm when

shown in the states. Hawaii emphatically does not want to be portrayed as a country of grass skirts and grass huts, nor of incipient revolutions directed against "Americans" (the misconception extending to the status of Hawaiian-born people).

A line flashed on the screen at the end of the pictures gives the company putting them out as the "American Film Manufacturing Company." The promotion committee is well justified in voicing a request to this company to withdraw this series of films. They are unfair to Hawaii and its people, and Hawaii and its people ought to protest in no uncertain terms.

UNCLE SAM AND MEXICO

Uncle Sam's hesitation over the recognition of Gen. Huerta and the latest Mexican administration is explained by an unofficial but probably inspired statement from Washington given wide publicity in the mainland papers. According to this statement, "the United States government demands as the consideration for extending the provisional administration official countenance, acceptance by Mexico of an international commission to pass upon all claims for damages sustained by foreigners, either to persons or property, since the beginning of the revolutionary disorders in the republic. Washington insisted upon this. While intimations which lacked nothing in clearness have been made along this line to Mexico, they have been so diplomatic as not to offend the dignity of the government or strain the relations between the two countries.

"Washington is playing a shrewd diplomatic game. President Wilson and Secretary of State Bryan saw in Huerta's anxiety for recognition an opportunity to place the important and troublesome question of the settlement of foreign claims upon a basis which will be decidedly more satisfactory not only to Washington but to England, France, Germany, Spain and other European governments than it is at present.

"While Mexico has never shown any inclination to shirk responsibility so far as foreign claims are concerned, circumstances have operated to prevent the expediting of settlement to the extent that Washington desired. Taft and Knox shillyshallyed over the matter and did nothing. Left to his own devices, Ambassador Wilson took the trouble to interest himself in few, if any, claims save those in which friends and persons he liked were interested. One of the first things the Huerta government did when it took hold was to pledge itself to prompt adjustment and payment of claims, especially those of Americans.

"Washington's desire to get the matter shaped so that something definite may be accomplished is due in no small measure to the polite but somewhat persistent and pointed interrogations propounded to Secretary Bryan by foreign governments. All look to the United States to induce Mexico to pay up.

"As outlined to the Mexican foreign ministry, Washington's proposition is simple, being predicated upon Mexico's repeated declarations accepting responsibility and promising payment.

"The joint commission proposed is to consist of representatives of Mexico, the United States, England, France, Germany, Spain and possibly two or three other countries. By international agreement it will consider all claims and its decision, when accepted by the respective governments, shall be final.

"Whether Mexico will enter into this bargain cannot now be predicted. It is certain that the idea does not appeal to her to such a degree as to warrant the expectation that she will give it prompt, enthusiastic approval."

Recent advices from China confirm what this paper commented upon several weeks ago—the growing disaffection between the followers of Dr. Sun Yat Sen and the followers of President Yuan Shih-kai. The coalition of three parties into the Progressives, led by Yuan, and the open opposition of Dr. Sun and his Nationalists on questions of provincial financial policy, indicate that a serious break is coming soon.

It may be said at least that the name of Pinkham has been already well advertised throughout the United States.

No, inquiring reader, Mrs. Pankhurst will not abandon militancy. The going is too good.

Possibly Porto Rico's tip on independence was gained from Hawaii.

A governor in office is worth two in Washington.

LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

[The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space to anonymous communications.]

FRESH EGGS LEAD TO DIVORCE COURT

CINCINNATI.—Mrs. Zella Cunningham of Walnut Hills was granted a divorce from William Cunningham by Judge Warner. Cruelty was one of the grounds alleged by Mrs. Cunningham, one form of which she alleged was the husband's refusal to give her any of the fresh eggs that were the products of the family chickens. She alleged that he gave the eggs to his mother, who lived with them.

Mrs. Cunningham also testified that when her husband was away on a trip he gave the key to the henry to his mother.

BILLBOARD-MANIA.

Honolulu, May 27, 1913. Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin. Sir:—The Advertiser, still ranting about billboards, says that Honolulu is different from other cities, and quotes from "Life" to show how we are different. "Life" says: "Regulate the billboards; regulate the signs;

give them a fair show and no more. It is in the idea of a 'fair show' that the Advertiser claims Honolulu is different. The Advertiser would represent Honolulu as being against any such thing as 'fair show,' and preaches the doctrine of suppression, boycott and extermination.

Of course the Advertiser doesn't know the first principles of 'fair show.' And when it wants to fasten on Honolulu the stigma that Honolulu is a city where best people resort to coercion and boycott, it really speaks only for itself.

"Life" is a publication that comments candidly about anything it disagrees with. How mild is its purported discussion about billboards to its following statement about newspapers: "Some newspapers are better than others, and the worst, even the systematic and intentional liars, are useful in some measure as vehicles of publicity but some day the people, the great mass of newspaper readers, will begin to suspect that the papers they read are worse than THEY are, and when that suspicion hardens into certainty, the better papers will profit by it, and the worse ones will have to reform."

"It is extraordinary what blatant and unworthy publications can succeed in these times; succeed without character, any high intelligence or regard for truth, by mere attention to the commercial end of their business."

CHAS. R. FRAZIER.

MAJ. WOOTEEN WILL HAVE OFFICE ON 'ARMY ROW'

Major W. P. Wooten, corps of engineers, who is department engineer, in addition to holding half a dozen other army titles, is to have an office on "army row" in the Young Hotel. In his capacity as the engineer member of the department staff, Major Wooten will occupy this office, and will have a civilian clerk assigned to him. In his several other capacities in connection with river and harbor work, fortifications, and other duties not directly connected with the department administration, he will continue to transact business at the present engineer headquarters in the McCandless building.

The addition of two more rooms across the hall from the long line of offices at army headquarters—one for Major Wooten's use and one to be used as a library and board room—gives the Hawaiian department an official home equal, if not superior, to that of any of the five other geographical divisions of the army. The rooms are cool and well ventilated, and after months of cramped quarters, the renting of additional rooms recently authorized, has given plenty of room for all the officers of the department and brigade staff.

The private telephone exchange, on which electricians have been working for several weeks, will be ready for business this afternoon or tomorrow, and for the present two trunk lines will give fifteen offices communication with the city and long distance wires. There is room on the board for nine trunks in all, and when necessary more will be added.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

JAMES L. COKE—You never can tell in politics.

JUDGE HENRY E. COOPER—There will be much of scientific interest in our voyage to Palmyra island this summer.

COLLECTOR C. A. COTTRILL—I read in the Ohio papers that Governor Cox had about a million dollars in that relief fund. Many of my acquaintances were severely stricken by the floods.

A. L. C. ATKINSON—I was interested to see in the Star-Bulletin recently the account of a snake killed on Hawaii. It is too bad the specimen was not secured, for such a thing happens only once in a lifetime. I remember that many years ago two Portuguese boys came down from Tantalus with stories of a big snake seen there, but all anybody could find of it was a mark where something had crawled on the ground. As a matter of fact, many scientists claim that snakes cannot live long in this country, and it is only those that escape from cargoes that are found. There are no snakes here and that is gospel truth.

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SPRECKELS CASE DECISION NOT UNEXPECTED

Although no word has been received from the coast since the supreme court of the territory handed down its decision yesterday in the famous Spreckels will cases, Attorney M. F. Prosser of the legal firm of Prosser, Anderson & Max, representing John D. and Adolph B. Spreckels, said today he had no doubt the plaintiffs would carry an appeal up to the supreme court of the United States.

"Yesterday's decision against us was not unexpected," said Attorney Prosser, "and in fact, I believe the original intention of the plaintiffs when the present suits were filed here, was to get the subject before the supreme court of the United States."

In the meantime the local properties of the estate, now held by C. Brewer & Co., as trustees for the heirs under the will of the late Claus Spreckels, undoubtedly will remain under the same management until the entire fight among the members of the Spreckels family is ended.

It is said by local attorneys who are fairly conversant with the famous intricate legal battle that if the supreme court of the territory had sustained Circuit Judge Cooper's decision, upholding the contention of John D. and Adolph B., the ultimate purpose of these two bringing the suits here would have been thwarted.

It is believed to have been the intention of the two brothers who were ignored in the sugar king's will, to carry the case to the supreme court of the United States from the territorial supreme court. They were unable to appeal from the supreme court of California, which held against them, but the Organic Act of Hawaii permits appeals to the highest tribunal of the nation in any suit involving more than \$5000.

No wit is believed they will seek a favorable decision in the federal supreme court and, if successful in that, will try to reopen the litigation in California.

GRAND JURY CONVENES

Among the first witnesses summoned before the federal grand jury this morning were Gregorio Anbal and Domingo Bartista, two of three Filipinos arrested last winter on the charge of burglarizing the postoffice at Kipahulu, Maui.

The three were apprehended late last December and have lain in jail ever since that time, awaiting indictment and trial by jury. Hose Artos, one of the trio, sickened and died in jail about May 1. Kidney trouble was officially ascribed as the cause, though Dr. William L. Moore, the prison physician, is said to have expressed the opinion that the underlying cause was beri-beri. The other two have now been incarcerated five months.

Abdul Hamid, former sultan of Turkey, is seriously ill at Constantinople.

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ONLY ONE OF HIS KIND MAY VISIT CHINA

Chinese, Bedecked with Queue and True to Traditions, Plans Trip to Old Home

To Ping How, known as the only Chinaman on the islands with a queue, which is tantamount to saying that he is the only Celestial in the territory true to the old and defeated "royal" party, may go to China, accompanied by his little wife, who also has a queue.

For twenty years How has been here, conducting a little grocery store on Emma street, and during that time his interest in his country has not abated. He is not sanguine over the prospects of the new China republic,

believing with Wong Tai Poon, the oldest Chinaman on the islands, that his country was not ready for the transition.

It may be quite awhile before How leaves for the home of his countrymen, the republic may rise and fall in that time, and the old order of things be established again. All of which How will observe with a smile, the same smile which lightens his face when he is reminded that he is the only Chinaman on the islands who can boast of a queue.

O. S. Walker, a prominent banker of Macon, Ga., is celebrating in gala style the few days allotted him by his physicians. He is holding open house and his wife is bravely assisting him in the entertaining of his many friends.

The Columbia University eight oared crew defeated Princeton and Annapolis on Lake Carnegie by little more than a half-length. Annapolis finished second.

Miss Ruth Considine, daughter of a Seattle theatrical magnate, was secretly married to E. M. McLean, only son of a millionaire stock broker of Vancouver.

All Affairs Ship-shape???

Most men's are not, for the very reason that they think they are too occupied with other matters to devote time to their future interests.

But if these men die, with personal affairs "up in the air" the family may be subject to litigation or perhaps poverty (as a result of business neglect).

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